

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 03-01-04

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska
January 30, 2004

Effective Date: 12:01 AM
February 1, 2004

Expiration Date: June 30, 2004
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order announces the opening of a 5-day February moose hunting season in Unit 21(D) in the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area and in the remainder of Unit 21(D).

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(19), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident	
	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season

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Unit 21(D), that portion within the
Koyukuk Controlled Use Area

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 moose per regulatory year, only as
follows:

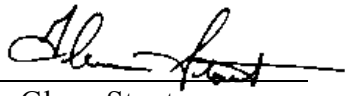
1 bull by registration permit only; or

Aug. 27–Sept. 20
(Subsistence hunt only)

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
1 bull by drawing permit only; up to 320 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 24, that portion within the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area; or	Sept. 5–Sept. 25 (General hunt only)	
1 moose during a five-day season to be announced by emergency order during the period Feb. 1–Feb. 28; a person may not take a cow accompanied by a calf	Feb. 1–Feb. 5 (Subsistence hunt only)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side by drawing permit; up to 80 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 24, that portion within the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area;		Sept. 5–Sept. 25
Remainder of Unit 21(D)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 moose per regulatory year; however, antlerless moose may be taken only during a five-day season during the period Feb. 1–Feb. 28 to be announced by emergency order; a person may not take a cow accompanied by a calf	Sept. 5–Sept. 25 Feb. 1–Feb. 5	
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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 21(D) remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.		

Kevin C. Duffy

Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Glenn Stout
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Division of Wildlife Conservation is authorized by the Alaska Board of Game to announce by emergency order a 5-day season during February for moose in Unit 21(D) when hunting conditions are favorable. Moose numbers in Unit 21D have declined after reaching record high levels from 1993 to 1996. The current estimated moose population is 7,500-8,500. Estimated harvest during fall 2003 was 335 moose. Approximately 50 moose are expected to be harvested during this winter season. Although antlerless moose are legal in this season, hunters are encouraged to restrict their harvest to bulls if possible. Hunters are prohibited from harvesting a cow moose accompanied by a calf.